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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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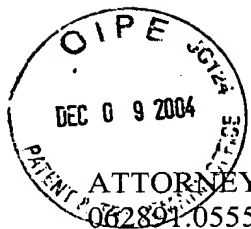
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 10, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed September 7, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper;

the **Conclusion** begins on page 13 of this paper; and

an **Appendix** including a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 is attached following page 13 of this paper.